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COMMUNICATION METHOD

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated of March 28, 2003, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response to expire on June 28, 2003, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth therein and the allowance of the application and all the claims contained therein are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 7-11, 16, 20, 55 and 62 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter.

Please amend the claims as follows (a marked-up copy of the claims is attached at the end of this Response):

53. (Amended - Clean Copy) A communication apparatus comprising:

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